

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Sinclair is using its centralized power to force-feed politically charged opinion pieces on communities all over the United States.

This is not a groundswell of interested citizens. Rather, this is one company that is using its power to force its political view on stations, taking away from their ability to serve their specific communities. And this is not just one network, but across the spectrum of networks. This kind of media power is not good for democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Thank you.